

# ANAS MELANOTOS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* lamelloso-dentatum, convexum, obtusum.

*Lingua* ciliata, obtusa.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 194.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ANAS rostro basi gibbo compresso, corpore albo, capite colloque nigro maculatis, dorso alis caudaque nigris.

*Lath. ind. orn.* p. 839.

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*Zool. ind.* p. 21. t. 11.

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*Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel.* p. 503.

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Indiæ et insularum Indicarum incola est hæc species, magnitudine fere anserina. A Pennanto in Zoologia Indica primum videtur fuisse descripta.







THE  
BLACK-BACKED GOOSE.

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* convex, obtuse ; the edges toothed with numerous lamellæ.

*Tongue* ciliated, obtuse.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

White GOOSE, with black back, the head and neck spotted with black, and the bill furnished with a gibbose compressed callus at the base.

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*Lath. syn.* 3. p. 449.

L'Oie bronzé.

*Buff. ois.* 9. p. 77.

Oie de la cote de Coromandel.

*Pl. Enl.* 937.

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This species is a native of India and the Indian islands, and is nearly of the size of a common goose. It seems to have been first described by Mr. Pennant in his Indian Zoology.